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SUBJECT: GOZ-MPLA RELATIONS: A ZAIRIAN VIEW

1. AMBASSADOR AND AF/C DIRECTOR BUCHANAN MET WITH BISENGIMANA MAY 12 AND DISCUSSED, INTER ALIA, GOZ-MPLA RELATIONS. BISENGIMANA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH HE SAID CAME FROM A COMBINATION OF GOZ INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, THE LAST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION IN LUANDA AND RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MPLA LEADERSHIP.

A) MPLA IS IN NO HURRY TO GET BENGUELA RAILROAD BACK INTO OPERATION. THEY INSIST, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT GOZ PAY FOR
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REPAIRS TO DILOLO BRIDGE (WHICH MPLA TOOK OUT) AND CLAIM THAT

UNITA ATTACKS RENDER SECURITY ALONG THE LINE QUESTIONABLE IN ANY EVENT.

B) MPLA HAS REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT KATANGAN GENDARMES WILL BE GIVEN ANGOLAN CITIZENSHIP-- THUS BACKTRACKING ON BRAZZAVILLE AGREEMENT ON VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION.

C) MPLA HAS REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANGOLAN REFUGEES FROM ZAIRE BEFORE TEN YEARS-- RENEGING AGAIN ON BRAZZAVILLE UNDERSTANDING.

D) NETO HAS SENT AIDE MEMOIRE TO MOBUTU COMPLAINING THAT FNLA IS STILL BEING TRAINED AT KINKUZU AND OTHER BASES IN ZAIRE AND THE GOZ IS HELPING FNLA GUERRILLAS TO CROSS BORDER INTO ANGOLA. BISENGIMANA SAID IT WAS MOBUTU'S INTENTION TO INVITE MPLA REPS TO VISIT KINKUZU AND OTHER SITES IN QUESTION TO PROVE THAT ALLEGATION IS FALSE AND TO MAKE THE POINT THAT IF THERE IS INDEED CONTINUED FNLA RESISTANCE, IT COMES FROM GUERRILLAS STILL INSIDE ANGOLA. (TP PROBLEM OF "CONTINUED RESISTANCE" UNDOUBTEDLY APPLIES TO CABINDA AS WELL, WHERE OUR INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SHOW CONTINUOUS DUST UPS).

E) STRUGGLE WITHIN MPLA LEADERSHIP HAS LED NETO'S OPPONENTS TO INSIST THAT CUBANS REMAIN INDEFINITELY-- AND THAT IS WHAT SEEMS TO BE IN THE CARDS.

2. WE POINTED OUT TO BISENGIMANA THAT FOREGOING LIST PRETTY MUCH COVERED THE POINTS OF THE BRAZZAVILLE AGREEMENT AND THAT IT DID NOT SEEM THAT THINGS WERE GOING WELL BETWEEN THE GOZ AND THE MPLA. BISENGIMANA CONFIRMED THAT ZAIRIAN RELATIONS WITH THE ANGOLANS WERE BECOMING EMBITTERED. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION WOULD TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK IN KINSHASA, AND THE IMPRESSION WE GOT WAS THAT THE MEETING WOULD NOT BE AN EASY ONE.
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